

### **Remarks**

Claims 1-21 were pending; claims 2, 3, 20, and 21 are canceled. Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of allowed claim 3. Therefore claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 4-10 are dependent on allowable claim 1. Therefore claims 4-10 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 11-19 are allowed. Claim 8 is amended to correct a typographical error, "fist" is changed to "first."

### **Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshimura et al. (US 5,994,934). Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of allowed claim 3 and claims 2 and 20 are cancelled herein, rendering moot the rejection made under Section 102.

### **Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

The Examiner rejected claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshimura in view of Kurd (US 6,043,717). Claim 21 is cancelled herein rendering moot the rejection made under Section 103.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Claim 11-19 are allowed by the Examiner. The Examiner objected to claims 3-10 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of allowed dependent claim 3. Therefore it is believed that amended claim 1 is in a position to be allowed and allowance is earnestly sought.

### Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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